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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2936

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PINS, DR  
SUBJECT: POLICE CHIEF DENIES COUP PLOT

1. MAJOR GENERAL NEIT NIVAR SEIJAS, CHIEF OF POLICE, IN A MAY 30 PRESS INTERVIEW, DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF AN ALLEGED PLOT TO PREVENT THE ARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) FROM ASSUMING POWER ON AUG 16. QUESTIONED ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF SUCHA PLOT, REPORTED IN AFTERNOON TABLOID LA NOTICIA AND SAID TO BE "CONFIRMED" BY PRD SOURCES MAY 29, NIVAR REITERATED HIS AND THE ARMED FORCES ' "ABSOLUTE RESPECT" FOR THE LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. ACCORDING TO THE LA NOTICIA STORY, THE PLAN CONSISTED OF TWO STRATEGIES. THE FIRST CALLED FOR THE DOCUMENTATION OF AN ELECTORAL FRAUD BY THE PRD WITH THE SUPPOSED COLLABORATION OF THE JUNTA CENTRAL ELECTORAL (JCE), WHICH WOULD INVALIDATE THE ELECTION RESULTS. THE ALTERNATE SCENARIO HAD THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES  
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DECLARING THE ELECTIONS NULL BECAUYB THE PRD WIN WAS  
"ILLEGITIMATE."

3. THE STORY FURTHER HELD THAT TWO FOREIGN COMPANIES, WHICH HAD "GAINED LARGE PROFITS THROUGH GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS," WERE PREPARED TO DONATE UP TO ONE MILLION PESOS TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE PLAN. THE AFTERNOON DAIL IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE

CONCERNS AS A GOLD MININGCOMPANY. ROSARIO RESOURCES EXPLOITS  
THE ONLY GOLD CONCESSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

4. A THIRD VERSION OF THE ALLEGED PLOT, WHICH PRD SOURCES HAVE  
ENTERTAINED AS CREDIBLE BUT WHICH NOT JIA PROBABLY DID NOT  
DARE TO MENTION, INVOLVED THE ASSASSINATION OF A PROMINENT PRD  
MEMBER, AN ACT DESIGNED TO SPARK A POPULAR EXPLOSION AND THEREBY  
PROVIDE A PRETEXT FOR A CRACKDOWN BY THE MILITARY.  
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